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THree Decrees have lately been Publiſhed here, whereof two are dated the 18th. and the other the 19th Inſtant; In the Firſt is ſet forth, That the vaſt Expence which the King of *Spain* has been at during the late War, and is ſtill obliged to ſuſtain for the Defence of *Ceuta* againſt the *Moors*, has put his Revenues in ſuch a condition, that he is obliged to have recourſe to extraordinary Means, to furniſh the neceſſary Funds for maintaining his Fleet and Garriſons, and providing for the Safety of the Frontiers of the Kingdom; That he has therefore reſolved to apply to the Service of the Publick for one year, to begin from the Date of this Decree, all Penſions and Salaries of the Officers of the ſeveral Councils and Tribunals, who do exceed the Number appointed by the Eſtabliſhment made the 21ſt of *July*, 1691. But the ſaid Officers are permitted to continue the Exerciſe of their reſpective Offices. This extends to all Preſidents and Governors of Councils, from whom, beſides their Penſions and Salaries, divers Perquiſites are alſo retrenched; and the King does forbid all Perſons to preſent to him any Petition to be excepted from this General Retrenchment, unleſs by a particular Decree he firſt obtain Leave ſo to do. By the Second Decree 'tis ordained, That whereas the Sums to be raiſed by the former will not be ſufficient to ſupply the King's preſent Occaſions, all Penſions and Gratifications whatſoever payable out of any of the King's Revenues, except thoſe which ſhall not exceed 5 Rials a day, ſhall be retrenched for one year. By the Third Decree, the King entruſts Cardinal *Portocarrero* with the Principal Adminiſtration of the Sums to be employed in repairing and augmenting the Fleet, and all the Officers of the Council of the Finances are ordered to attend him whenever he ſhall require it. 'Tis believed, that the two Decrees before-mentioned will produce a Sum of 4 Millions of Ducats. An Expreſs arrived here this week from *Ceuta*, being ſent by the Marquis *de Villadarias*, Governor of that Place, to acquaint the King, that Monſieur *de Pointis*, Commander of a Squadron of *French* Men of War, has made him an offer of Aſſiſtance againſt the *Moors*, but 'tis not yet known what Orders have been ſent thereupon. This Expreſs does likewiſe bring an Account, that Monſieur *Pointis* has Bombarded *Tangier*, and that the *Moors* have ſent a ſtrong Detachment of their Forces from before *Ceuta* to ſecure their Coaſts; By which means their Army employed in the Siege of that Place is much weakened, while on the other hand the *Spaniſh* Garriſon is reinforced by the arrival of 4 Companies of Foot from *Gibraltar*. They write from the Place laſt mentioned, that Monſieur *de Neſmond's* Squadron, conſiſting of 12 Men of War, 2 Fireſhips, and 2 Tartanes, which came in there the 13th Inſtant, was ready to ſail to join Monſieur *Pointis's* Squadron. Letters from *Lisbon* of the 13th Inſtant ſay, Count *Wallſtein*, Ambaſſador Extraordinary from the Emperor, is arrived there.

Rome, Auguſt 3. The Pope has, upon account of the hot Weather, put off for a few days the uſual Audiences of Foreign Miniſters. Cardinal *Pamphilio* had lately a long Audience of the Pope, and informed him of the Condition of the new Works at *Port Anzo*, of which he has the chief Direction, and the Pope is ſo well ſatisfied with the Cardinal's Management, that he has made him Governor of the ſaid Port, with this Privilege, That as often as this Office ſhall become vacant, it ſhall be filled with a Cardinal or Prelate of his Family.

Dantzick, Auguſt 9. The Cardinal Primate is arrived here, and intends very ſoon to go to the King of *Poland's* Camp in *Livonia*, to repreſent to him the Inconveniencies that may attend his perſiſting in his Deſigns againſt the *Swedes*, and to endeavour to perſwade him to accommodate Matters with them. Our Letters from thence give an account, that the King of *Poland's* Army being 20000 ſtrong, has repaſſed the *Duna*; That the *Swediſh* Forces which were encamped on the other ſide that River, were retired under the Cannon of *Riga*; That the *Saxons* were advanced very near that Place, and intended to beſiege it; And that their Train of Artillery was arrived at *Mittaw*. They write from *Comingsberg*, that the Duke *de Croy*, and divers other *German* Officers, were paſſed by that Place going to ſerve in the King of *Poland's* Army.

Vienna, Auguſt 8. The Count *de Kueffſtein*, a Canon of the Cathedral Church at *Paſſau*, is arrived here from *Rome* with the Cap for Cardinal *Lamberg*, who is to receive the ſame from the Emperor's hands. A conſiderable Sum of Money is gathering by way of a voluntary Contribution throughout the Hereditary Countries, which is to be ſent to Count *Otting*, the Emperor's Ambaſſador at the Port, to be employed in redeeming the Emperor's Subjects who are Captives in *Turkey*. The Elector and Electoreſs Palatine are ſhortly expected here, and the Count *de Gerſdorf* is ſent by the Emperor to *Paſſau* to compliment their Electoral Highneſſes, and to conduct them to the Imperial Court. The *Venetian* Ambaſſador has lately been ſeveral times in Conference with the Emperor's Miniſters, to adjuſt the Matters in diſpute relating to the Boundaries of the Dominions